President’s Message, July 2018
Lisa Maurer, MD, WACEP President

Hopefully you are sharing your fitness stories through WACEP’s social media accounts as part of our current wellness contest “FitWell.” Lake swimming counts as exercise, so jump in and post pictures of your wellness activities on Twitter or Instagram today!

Use the hashtag #fitwellWACEP and be sure to tag your EM friends on your public posts and your entries will count double!

Continue posting through August 31, 2018, after which one winner will be chosen by random drawing for a WACEP branded fleece and $200 to be applied to a gym membership.

Get Fit, Be Well... participate in #FitWellWACEP today!

Addressing the Threat of Vectorborne Illnesses
Ben Ho, MD WACEP Board Member

For many of us summer in Wisconsin means time spent outside, whether on a trail, by the lake, in our yards, or if we are lucky, somewhere on a tropical vacation. As we enjoy the activities that we love, however, we knowingly expose ourselves to a number of seasonal environmental factors: heat, UV light, and of course, ticks and mosquitoes. We may know these arthropods best as nuisances that crash our barbecues and hitchhike on our trail walks. As vectors for important communicable diseases, however, their significance goes much beyond this. Read more.

Essentials of Suicide Prevention in the ED

Mental Health America of Wisconsin has released "The Essentials of Suicide Prevention in the Emergency Department." This document includes links to resources, including the five core suicide prevention interventions for the ED, and is especially timely with the release of the CDC's report "Suicide Rising Across the U.S." in the June issue of Vital Signs.

Membership Survey - Final Reminder

If you haven't done so already, please take three minutes of your time to complete the annual WACEP Membership Survey. Responses will be used to inform the organization’s ongoing planning, and will allow us to evaluate and enhance member value. Thanks in advance for your input, and thanks for your membership! Begin Survey.